

1 H.431

2 Introduced by Representatives Tate of Mendon, Parent of St. Albans City, and

3 Willhoit of St. Johnsbury

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Executive; Attorney General; taxation and finance; the public monies

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the

8 Attorney General to propose a State false claims act, and to create an incentive

9 program to report waste and fraud in State government programs, contracts,

10 and services.

11 An act relating to requiring that the Attorney General propose a State false
12 claims act and creating an incentive program to report waste and fraud in
13 State government programs, contracts, and services

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. VERMONT FALSE CLAIMS ACT

16 The Office of the Attorney General shall propose a bill to create a Vermont
17 law to deter and punish false claims and fraud and waste in State government,
18 contracts, and programs. The Attorney General shall propose this bill on or
19 before January 15, 2016.

1 Sec. 2. INCENTIVE PROGRAM

2 (a) The Executive Branch shall establish a program to provide incentives
3 for persons to report waste and fraud in State resources, monies, contracts, and
4 programs.

5 (b) The Executive Branch shall:

6 (1) Establish a website and 24-hour hotline to allow the reporting of
7 waste and fraud involving State resources, monies, contracts, and programs.

8 The website and hotline shall allow a person to report anonymously or to
9 provide his or her name, address, and contact information.

10 (2) Ensure that any person who files a report pursuant to subdivision (1)
11 of this subsection and provides his or her name, address, and contact
12 information shall receive an award equivalent to ten percent of any saving of
13 State monies that results from that person's report, which savings are greater
14 than \$1,000.00.

15 Sec. 3. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

16 On or before December 15, 2015, the Office of Legislative Council shall
17 provide to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary and on Government
18 Operations proposed statutory amendments necessary to accomplish the
19 purpose of Sec. 2 of this act.

20 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.